



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES STAFF REPORT

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TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

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TITLE: Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2025-26

ABSTRACT:

The Library's original appropriated budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26 was \$10,159,915. Throughout the year, the original appropriation has increased through budget amendments due to the addition of donations and grants to the Library. These funds increased the Library's budget by \$367,608 to a total of \$10,527,523.

DISCUSSION:

The Library's Maintenance and Operations Budget is amended when we receive funds from grants, donations, and gifts. Most of the additional funding is received from the Friends of the Newport Beach Public Library (Friends) and the Library Foundation of Newport Beach (Foundation). In this fiscal year, the Friends added \$250,000 to fund a wide range of materials and programming, as well as contribute to Balboa Branch's (Balboa) Opening Day Collection. The Foundation added \$5,000 for new materials, \$1,640 for the Sound Lab, \$6,000 for new public computer chairs at Mariners Branch, and \$34,000 to help fund the Balboa Opening Day Collection.

The Dorothy Arens Ressel Trust gifted \$4,391 to augment the Library's collections at all three open locations, in all formats, and for all age groups.

The Santiago Library System contributed \$2,167 towards downloadable materials.

Another area of the Library's budget that is substantially altered from the initial budget to the year-end is in Project Adult Literacy (PAL). The initial Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget allocation for PAL was \$113,046, which covers approximately 60% of the cost to operate PAL. The remaining funding comes from the California Library Literacy Services (CLLS) Grant and donations to PAL. The CLLS Grant awarded for FY 2025-26 totaled \$41,935 and other donations to PAL from the Foundation totaled \$22,475.

The attached spreadsheet shows the accounts into which these additional funds were allocated to cover expenditures.

Note that the figures in this report do not include the annual budget for the Cultural Arts division nor do they include donated funds or encumbrances rolled over from the previous year.

NOTICING:

This agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the Board of Library Trustees considers the item).

ATTACHMENT A: FY 2025-26 Amended Budget